

the staunch and noble hearted people of south western Ohio.

Brother L. A. Hazlett, of Nappanee, Ind., is expected to preach for the Salisbury church next Sabbath, March 11. We hope to conclude arrangements at an early date with the prospective pastor who may be elected in a few days.

Yesterday, (Sabbath the 4th.,) we were blessed with another accession by baptism. This time our only child Herbert went down into the waters and was immersed according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The confirmation service was held during the evening meeting.

I wish to say that Herbert had been in delicate health all winter and under the doctor's care the greater portion of the time. The day of his baptism he had a severe cold and was not at all well, but he persisted in being baptized and we performed the sacred ordinance for him, surrounded by eighteen inches of ice thru which we had cut to the water. Afterward we drove one-half mile home in wet clothes. The child's indisposition is gone and he is in better health than for a number of months and as happy as a bird. I do not know much about the so-called faith cure, but I am confident that God will do wondrous things for us if we only obey his word.

I would not ask place in the columns of our church paper for this somewhat personal incident save that I am anxious to add a testimony to the power of God to keep us, body and soul, as we intelligently and lovingly follow him. We are now all members of the Brethren church—the last family name has been added to the roll—and we are satisfied and assured more positively than ever for the future.

J. C. MACKEY.

#### Western Echoes

Brethren at Beaver City held their communion on Sunday evening, Jan. 21. It was a feast indeed to all who participated. Brother J. L. Royer and wife of Denver City, feasted with us, the first time in twenty years. Sister Royer is also the writer's sister in the flesh. It was a great pleasure to us to meet and join in each other in observing the sacred ordinances of God's house in full harmony with the example of Christ. Our church building is much improved in appearance both inside and out by recent repairing.

My mission point north of Beaver City is doing reasonably well. I held a ten days' meeting at this point in January, altho under disadvantages. There was a sick lady in the neighborhood who, during the meeting died. There was also other sickness. Then I had not the usual help in the work. Most of the time I was compelled to lead and part of the time to do the singing almost alone, and last but not least I had to come home nearly every night, and being ten miles from home giving me a twenty mile ride to a meeting, it was hard on me. But amidst all reverses we had good interest and attendance nearly all the time but no immediate, visible results. I

believe the seed sown will bring forth fruit ere long.

The Maple Grove church, Kansas, had one addition by baptism since our last report.

Dear editor, I would suggest that every congregation in the Brethren church hold a collection even if it would not amount to more than a dollar and forward same to H. R. Holsinger, Lathrop, Calif., to aid in gathering data and otherwise help the work along. We are all anxious for an early history of the Brethren church, and that it should be as good as it can well be made. No one is better able to do this than Brother Holsinger. If we all realized the burden of this work as Brother H. does in his feeble health, I believe every congregation would cheerfully embrace the first opportunity to aid in this work. May God bless his work everywhere is my earnest prayer.

C. FORNEY.

#### Land of Goshen

We have just closed our fourth meeting for the winter. The first meeting has already been reported from Warsaw. Then we assisted Brother A. S. Menaugh in a meeting at Claypool; we were only here about ten days when we had to close as we were announced to begin a meeting at "Dutchtown" on New Year. We begun the meeting at "Dutchtown" on New Year and continued two weeks and closed without any visible results; the church here was not ready for a revival meeting.

We were then called to Union Salem, in Kosciusko county, Ind., to assist the pastor, brother L. O. Hazlett in a meeting. Brother Hazlett had prepared the way for us by preaching one week before we were called. We held the meetings nearly five weeks with fourteen accessions as the immediate result: Seven were baptized; three to receive baptism; two by relation, and two reclaimed.

This meeting was a spiritual feast to all who were in attendance, and the attendance was good. The church was spiritually strengthened and better prepared for work in the Master's vineyard. There were others about whom we were anxious that were very near the kingdom. The church at Union Salem is in a good working condition. Brother Hazlett has been doing good work here during his pastorate. He is serving them as pastor the third year. He has in this class some noble workers who hold up his hands while he ministers to their spiritual needs. Brother James M. Becknell superintends the Sunday school which is in a flourishing condition. I cannot refrain from mentioning sister Cora Becknell as a model church worker. She is teaching school and giving music lessons, and as organist and chorister she did not miss a service; also did good personal work.

We are thankful to all for the kindness shown us during our stay among them. May heaven's choicest blessings rest upon all who attended these services, and with the "Saved

of the Ages." May we be gathered home to glory to praise him evermore.

J. R. KELLER.

#### Mulvane, Kansas

We are still enjoying the many blessings of a kind and heavenly Father, for which we are very thankful. Since our last report we have held our quarterly communion service, also business meeting. All passed off smoothly, but not as many of our members were present as we had hoped for. Some committee work was arranged and committee elected for the same which we hope will be helpful. Our mite for the Washington City church fund will be forthcoming soon. The S. S. is moving along and doing some good work. The Bible is being read in the homes of the pupils more than heretofore which is an omen of good. Preaching services are well attended, especially on Sunday evenings. May the gospel truth be so presented as to reach the hearts and lives of many of the young people who attend, is our chiefest desire.

South Haven.—We begun a series of meetings with the brethren of South Haven, Jan. 13. Had good attendance and some interest manifested, and above all, the presence of the Lord was realized, which made it a time of refreshing for us, but after four nights' meeting, the small pox scare came into the neighborhood, came also without invitation. Altho we were loath to close the meeting at that time, it seemed to be the best thing to do, and so it was, for in a few days several cases developed. There have been no fatalities in that part to my knowledge. When last heard from all were on the way to recovery, for which we offer thanks to the great Physician, and we hope to re-assume the work soon. We were unitedly laboring and hoping that the meeting might have a spreading quality, but the thing to be spread was not the small pox but that which is more fatal, (grace and truth) which invariably kills, and not only kills but also gives life. Kills to sin and makes alive to God thru our Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian's badge is not to be worn on the coat but in the heart. John 13:35. We desire the prayers of all that pray.

L. G. WOOD.

#### Conemaugh, Pa

It becomes my sad duty to chronicle the death of brother S. D. Paul. He had only been a member of the church since Dec. 15, 1899, and was consistent until Feb. 11, 1900, when he was made to succumb to our arch enemy death.

Brother Paul was of a quiet, kind, genial disposition and bid fair to make a useful and valued member. He leaves a young wife to mourn his loss. They had been married only about eight months.

Sister Paul has the sympathy of the church here. I was called home from Altoona that we might lay him away under the auspices of the church.

We hope to meet him in the glory world.

J. F. KOONTZ.